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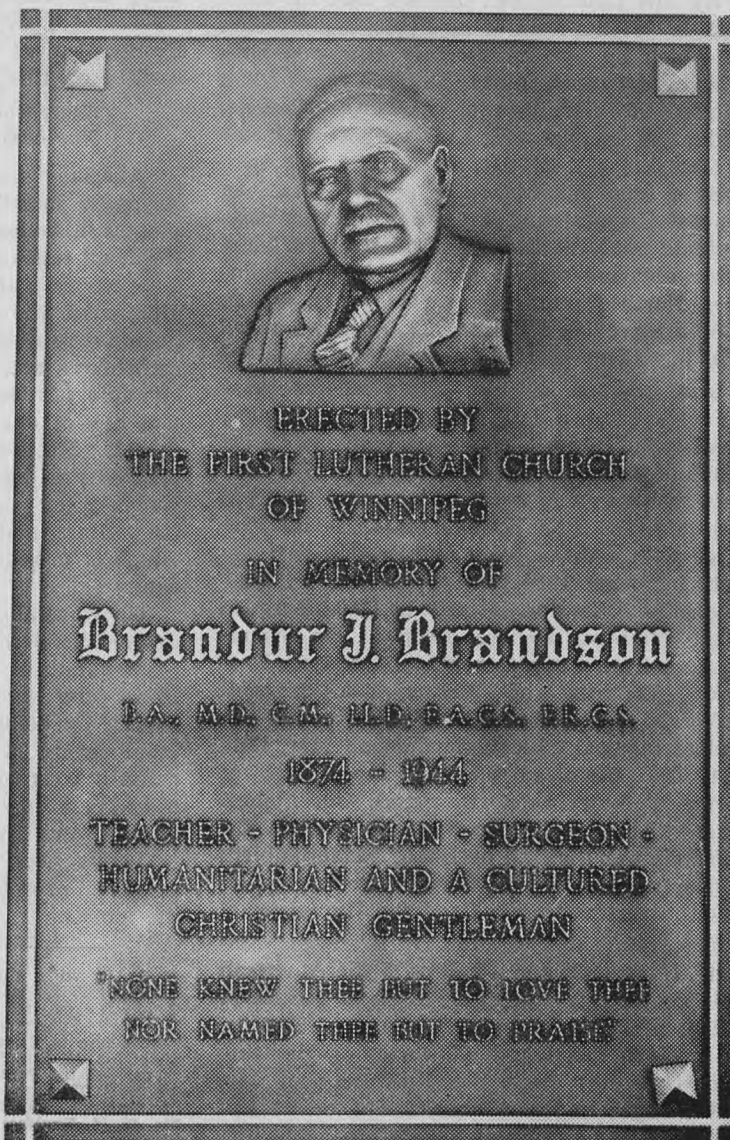
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**THE B. J. BRANDSON PLAQUE DEDICATORY ADDRESS, MAY 29th, 1949,
DELIVERED IN THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BY NORMAN S. BERGMAN**

Inscribed in our hearts with a golden pen is the name Brandur J. Brandson. To this church he lent the prestige of his name and position, placed at its disposal his exceptional executive and administrative ability and experience, and as President of this congregation gave to this church such outstanding and inspiring leadership and such wholehearted service that the value thereof does not lend itself to measurement. This plaque is dedicated in grateful acknowledgement and appreciation thereof by this congregation and in commemoration of the great and lasting contribution made by him to the growth and development of this church, the solution of its problems and his service to its members.

Happily, this service takes place on the Sunday nearest to Dr. Brandson's natal day, for he was born in Dalasysla, Iceland, on the first day of June, 1874. Four years later he came to this continent with his parents. They settled first in Minnesota and two years later they moved to Gardar, North Dakota. Here Dr. Bandson received his early education. Leaving Gardar



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at the age of seventeen he enrolled at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota, graduating in 1895 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

By this time he had decided that his life's work lay in the field of medicine, a profession for which he was handsomely equipped both with character and ability. Within a year he had enrolled at the Manitoba Medical College, graduating in 1900 with the degrees of Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery. He then spent a year of internship at the Winnipeg General Hospital and a further year in post-graduate study at Dublin, London and Vienna before entering private practice, first in Edinburg, North Dakota, for a few years and in 1905 he moved to Winnipeg where he practiced until his death in 1944.

The practice of the young doctor grew rapidly but that did not interfere with his deep interest in medical education and his great contribution to its teaching. Appointed a lecturer in Surgery at the Manitoba Medical College in 1910 he became an Associate Professor within three years and headed that department from 1917 until he retired in 1934. He also held the appointment as Chief Surgeon to the Winnipeg General Hospital. On his retirement from active teaching he became Professor Emeritus of Surgery. A grateful University acknowledged his services in the field of medical education when on May 12th, 1944 they bestowed on him the degree of Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*), the highest honor within their power to so confer. Dr. Brandon was the first person of Icelandic birth or descent, resident in Canada, to receive an honorary degree from a Canadian University.

The honors that came to Dr. Brandon were many. He was elected a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He received the degree of Doctor of Medicine (*honoris causa*) from the University of Iceland in 1930 and the Government of Iceland in 1939 in recognition of his stature made him

a Grand Knight Commander of the Royal Icelandic Order of the Falcon. These and other honors he accepted modestly and he wore them graciously.

There is no need for me to speak of Dr. Brandon's work in the Icelandic community for that is still fresh in our memory. The residents at Betel Old Folk's Home at Gimli still shed tears of gratitude for his service to their home and his kind and gentle interest in their welfare. We, the members of this congregation, still feel his influence and the officers of the church, in the administration of the affairs of the congregation, still follow the principles laid down by him when he was President.

In the words of the late Mr. Justice Bergman, "He was loved and respected more universally than any other Icelander whoever lived on this side of the Atlantic, and deservedly so." To supplement these words we have had inscribed on this plaque these words:

*"None knew thee but to love thee,
Nor named thee but to praise."*

Adopting these words we are proud and happy to install in our church this memorial plaque in honour of our greatest lay member. He at all times gave cheerfully and unstintingly of his time and his great talent for the common good. His courage, strength of character, devotion to duty, unswerving loyalty, and unselfishness are, and will remain, a shining example of the finest type of citizenship. He was one of our most gifted sons and devoted friends. He worked ceaselessly and wholeheartedly to advance the best interests of this congregation and he made a contribution to its welfare and the solution of its problems which is so great as to leave us forever in his debt.

On November 2nd, 1938, Dr. Brandon said to the members of this congregation:

"Be faithful to those who have gone before. Honor the memory of the founders of this church by being loyal to the faith that made them strong in the midst of their trials and make it your constant prayer that the faith of the fathers may always be the sustaining force of your own lives."

If we heed these words our church will grow and prosper and we can honor his memory the longer.

It is with sincere thanks that we acknowledge receipt for the following subscription dues. From Mr. G. J. Oleson, \$21.00, for the Glenboro congregation. Mr. P. V. Peterson, Ivanhoe, \$1.00; Mrs. John A. Johnson, Minneota, \$1.00; Miss C. Christopherson, Vancouver, \$1.00; Mr. H. Sigurdson, Vancouver, \$1.00; Mr. K. Frederick, Seattle, \$2.00; Mr. Herman Vopni, Seattle, \$2.00; Mr. S. S. Thordarson, Seattle, \$1.00; Mrs. F. C. Zenthen, Minneapolis, 75c; Mr. J. J. Straumfjord, Blaine, \$1.00; Mr. R. H. Eyclfson, Winnipeg, \$2.00; Mrs. R. Swanson, Winnipeg, \$1.00.

"CREEDS AND DEEDS"

James 1:22-24;

*Radio sermon delivered from the First
Lutheran Church, Winnipeg.*

Once, at the conclusion of a sermon, delivered to a large assembly, a woman, thrilled by the personality of Jesus, and the splendour of his discourse, exclaimed: "Blessed is the womb that bare Thee and the paps which thou hast sucked." To this outburst of admiration, Jesus immediately responded: "Yea, rather, blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it." Thus Jesus points out that it is not enough for a Christian to remain in the realm of the devotional, although that is of paramount necessity for the Christian life, it is not enough to dwell in the sphere of speculative thought, although that may be profitable, nor is it enough to dwell on the high plane of theory—in other words it is not creeds alone, but deeds that count in the Christian life. Christianity, to be effective, must be translated into terms of practical every day life. Jesus therefore calls them blessed, who are not satisfied with simply the outward confession of faith, but translate it into terms of their daily conduct. "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only. "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it." These words are taken into the ritual of some Churches, and sung before or after the gospel. Three things are drawn to our attention here: the nature of the Word of God; the need of hearing it; and, the necessity of applying it.

What is the Word of God, and where is it found? In a general way we commonly refer to all devotional literature as the word of God. Thus we are wont to speak of the sermon books which our fathers and grandfathers read when we were small, our hymn books, liturgies, and the sermons delivered by our pastors.

Actually, this is rather man's word about God, the expression of man's efforts to understand God, and to apply the Christian philosophy of life to the problems of individuals and society. On the other hand, all this literature, insofar as it expresses the mind of God to man, can truly be said to be God's word. In a narrower sense, God's word is only that which God has spoken unto man. Here we might enter upon an extensive discourse on the theory of God's revelation to man, how He has spoken in nature, conscience, and the preservation of the world. The words describing the power, and the majesty of God are certainly written in very large letters upon the face of the earth, in the air and on the seas. "Thou has set Thy glory above the heavens," the palmist declares.

But we shall not dwell upon any theory,

but rather point to the fact that God has spoken. How miserable would not be our lot, were this not so. The human heart is so construed that it can never rest in peace, until it finds peace in God. God has spoken, not only in terms of omnipotence, or omniscience in the things which He had created, not only in man's mind through conscience, but He has spoken in the written Word, the Holy Scriptures. "God, who at sundry times, and in divers manners hath spoken unto us by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken to us in His Son." Thus, the Son Jesus Christ, whom we call Lord and Master, is the ultimate Word of God spoken unto us. He represents the complete revelation of the will and being of our Heavenly Father. "Whosoever heareth me, heareth Him that sent me."

Thus it is plain that Jesus Christ, is God's Word to us. We can therefore not teach, preach, or hear the Word of God, without teaching, preaching and hearing Jesus Christ. When we speak of Christ in this connection we do not mean simply His teachings, but his entire personality, conduct, miracles, death and resurrection. By all these Jesus has spoken unto us, by all these He has revealed what the Father demands of us. Should we therefore desire to be blessed in hearing the Word of God, we must hear Jesus Christ, and give His Word place in our hearts. Unless we do this we obtain no rest, no peace of conscience, no repose for the soul. But from the moment we begin to apply our hearts to this method of approach we will certainly realize the truthfulness of the statement: Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

This Word that comes to us through Jesus Christ reveals the heart of God; in it He declares His love for man. This word says to the sinner, whoever he be, whatever he may have done: God loves you. No matter how weary and heavy laden you may be, he desires to give you rest. "Be of good cheer, arise, and walk, thy sins are forgiven thee."

Do people consider themselves "blessed" when they hear such declarations? It all depends on their spiritual development, on their sense of need for God's guidance.

Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only! What a sensible admonition, and how timely! The tragedy of the Church is that Christianity is too often, and by too many of its members and adherents, made primarily a Sunday affair. It is indeed gratifying to see people come to Church, but it is pathetic to note how little we learn, and little we live of that which we learn in Church. Sunday being

over, the Church, the preacher, the sermon, and all appear to be promptly forgotten, if we are to judge by the outward conduct of men and women. Jesus says: "Seek ye the Kingdom of God." But the average man says: "I can't do that, but if there is any time left, when all other things are attended to, and if I am not then too tired, I will think about the Kingdom of God." Jesus says: "Love your neighbor as yourself, do unto others as you would have them do unto you." But during the week many confessed Christians, act as though they had never heard this particular admonition, or had believed it was intended only for the first Christians, or for people in some other church. Thus men carry on race prejudice, extreme nationalism, cut throat competition, and many homes become miniature battlefields. "What is he doing to them?" asked a certain minister, concerning another very popular clergyman who was drawing large audiences every Sunday. But there was no outward sign that he was doing anything to them. Their creed was no doubt correct and proper, but they were hearers but not doers of the Word.

"Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it." The purpose of evangelical preaching is not that people may be entertained, or pleased, or necessarily that they may feel happy when they leave the House of God, but rather that they might be profited, edified, and inspired to lead Christian lives, and aim ever higher in their Christian endeavour. The mission of the Christian pulpit is as practical and definite as that of any other institution in our day. It is an agency for building character, training for service, and saving souls for the Kingdom of God. Those who maintain that simply "hearing" a sermon in Church once in a while is the sum total of their Christian duty, are sadly mistaken indeed. What does it profit a man to hear perhaps an eloquent exposition of the truth and adhere to correct historical creeds if there follow few or no deeds of love and service, if he carries with him from his church no power, no resolution of heart to carry the principles of the Christian life into actual practice into the business and other associations of life.

The world in which we live is in a sickly state, and many are the ailments which afflict individuals and society. All the moral and spiritual sickness of the world can easily be traced to one fundamental failure: The refusal to live according to the light which God has given.

Instead of being a part of the world disease, let us become a part of its cure, by hearing the Word of God, and by keeping it.—V.J.E.

NOTES FROM VANCOUVER

By MRS. JOHN SIGURDSON

Under a wide spread maple tree in beautiful Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Vancouver, the remains of Thorarinn Gudmundson, aged 80, were laid to rest beside the grave of his beloved wife Hallfridur, on May 13. He died after a brief illness at Red Deer, Alberta, and his body was brought to this city by his two daughters, Mrs. Frank Jenkins and Mrs. Henry Sumarlidason. He is survived by two other daughters, Mrs. William Lee of Hilliers, B.C., and Mrs. W. Janssen, Hillsdown, Alberta. The numerous floral tributes and large number of people attending the funeral showed in no small way the love and respect his friends here had for this fine lovable gentleman. Our pastor conducted a sympathetic service and Miss Margaret Sigmar sang "Goda Nott". One of the pallbearers was Thorarinn's oldest friend Ofeigur Sigurdson, these two being old time pioneers of Alberta. The others were Mr. G. F. Gislason, John Sumarlidason, Henry Jackson, Charles Oddstead and Cameron Gordon.

The month of May has been a busy one for the Women's Auxiliary. Mrs. Gudny Eyolfson opened her home for the May meeting when Mrs. S. B. Olson became a new member. Mrs. Gisli Bergvinson formerly of Winnipeg is a new member we are very happy to have with us. May 11th a "Snowball Blossom" tea and home cooking sale put on by the W.A. was very successful, the livrapilsa and blomur disappearing as if by magic. Over \$180 was taken in and the women plan another such sale early in December.

Mrs. Ivan Hambly of New Westminster is having the June meeting of the W.A. at her home.

Mrs. G. Gudmunson, President of the W.A. left for Tacoma Wash., May 28 to visit sick relatives there.

Sunday, May 29th, was Empire Youth Sunday, a day set aside for the youth of the land to pause and bear in mind the great fellowship to which they belong and to join in pledging anew their service to God.

Rev. Dr. H. Sigmar gave an impressive sermon on this occasion, and reminded the older generation of their duties and responsibilities to their children. We are privileged indeed to have so many fine young people active in our church. Its heartening to see them at church, assisting in Sunday School work, taking the collection, singing in the choir and sharing unselfishly in the various duties of the church. Their presence at the services brings us all much joy.

We are always happy to have the Rev. Harold Sigmar of Seattle visit us. On Sunday, May 15th, he motored from Blaine where the Seattle Choir had been singing, to join in our service and in his modest, unassuming manner spoke to the congregation, as usual giving us some philosophical gems. He was accompanied by his wife and young son Wallace and baby daughter Kristin.

A brief trip to Calgary in early June for his firm the Hudson's Bay Company, was on the busy agenda of Mr. H. Thorlaksson.

Out of town visitors at our church in May were Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Solvason 771 Bannatyne Ave., Winnipeg, Mrs. B. Bjarnason of Langruth, Man., and Mrs. Thora Olson and her daughter, Mrs. Jack Watson, of Winnipeg, Man.

A bride who flew all the way from Oslo Norway, Miss Esther Marie Olsen Haga was married at the Parsonage on May 5th to Arni Vennevold of Brookmere, B.C.

Friday, May 27th, in the Danish Church, Juliana Franta became the bride of Howard Bjarni Kolbeins, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Kolbeins, both of Vancouver. A reception followed in the social hall of the church. The Rev. Sigmar officiated at both ceremonies.

Pastor H. Sigmar attended the sessions of the Pacific Synod of the U.L.C.A. in mid-May for two days, at Everett, Wash. While there he had the pleasure of attending the Laymen's Banquet at which Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, President of the U.L.C.A. was the main speaker.

On May 12th, Mr. L. H. Thorlaksson accompanied by Messrs B. Thorlacius, B. Kolbeins of the board of trustees, Messrs Allan Stefanson and Lloyd Johnston of the Luther League and Pastor H. Sigmar drove to Bellingham to attend the Luther Rally there where Dr. Franklin Clark Fry spoke on "Conditions In Europe." He had been traveling there recently and spoke on the need of continuing the Lutheran World Action Activities with unabated enthusiasm. They reported an enthusiastic rally and an inspiring address.

One of the ex-presidents of our Luther League and still an active member, Herbert Sigurdson of 383 N. Glyndale St., graduated this spring from the Arts Department of our University.

Another past president, Lloyd Johnston, of 2631 Triumph St., of our Luther League, graduated from the Radio Electronics Department in King Edward High School. He made an enviable record for himself as his average marks in all subjects of his course this season was 95.

Our sincere congratulations to these young men.

Seven wee members of our "Younger Set"

AN ANNIVERSARY

It is not about a wedding anniversary that I am going to write, nor is it about the 75th birthday of the City of Winnipeg, although it occurred on the first day of that celebration, Whitsunday, June 5th. This anniversary that I am telling about was celebrated in the Icelandic Lutheran Church of Lundar, Man., and was in commemoration of a confirmation that took place in that same church on Whitsunday, 1946.

After I returned to Winnipeg from Vancouver in 1945, Mr. Dan Lindal, representing the Icelandic Lutheran congregation at Lundar, engaged my services in preparing and confirming there a group of young people. Because I could not be there every week, two women, Miss Kristjana Fjeldsted (now Mrs. Snidal) and Mrs. Leo Danielson, did much of the work of preparation, and did it beautifully.

The class finally had 25 members. These young people attracted me very much, and I felt the guidance and blessing of God on the delightful hours I spent with them.

A burden was on my soul: how can these fine young people be preserved for Christ and the Church. There was no resident pastor there to guide them and engage them in the Master's service. Would they become the prey of withering indifference, which so often kills every vestige of Christianity?

Once in a while I came out to Lundar to conduct divine service, and generally I would meet some of these young friends of mine, and I did notice among them signs of faithfulness to the Church.

Finally the thought came to me: could we not have a reunion of the class, have a service with communion, call it an anniversary of the confirmation, and have it on Whitsunday?

who were baptized this month, four handsome boys, three lovely girls were:

David Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Macey.

William Larry, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stevens.

Harold Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marino Bjornson.

Glen Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hallgrimson.

Sylvia Geraldine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Bildfell.

Beverly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fickler.

Linda Diane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Finnbogason Jr.

I wrote a letter to one of the boys in the class, and also to the president of the congregation, suggesting this anniversary. Both of these liked the idea. On Easter day we had a brief meeting with what members of the class we could get together on short notice. I explained my idea to them and it met with a favorable reception. They were all asked to work for it.

To further this cause, I procured, from the United Lutheran Publication House, special bulletin folders for Whitsunday, and had printed, at Magnusson's print shop at Lundar, suitable material on the three blank pages of the folder. They were distributed through the mail, and I believe they contributed a good deal to the success of the anniversary.

On Whitsunday the church was packed. The beginning of the service was conducted in Icelandic, the rest in English. One of the members of the class said a prayer, a group of girls from the class read the epistle, another read the gospel, two of the boys acted as ushers, and two other boys took the offering. Organist and choir were in good form. The group that communed was the largest for years. That included all the members of the class present. The altar in the church is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Gudmundur Breckman and given by his family.

I devoutly wished for a perfect class as to numbers. I presume that was expecting too much. The attendance was 21 out of 25, and the class presented some splendid examples of loyalty. One of the girls, teaching north of Arborg, came 60 miles to take part in this consecration; one of the boys, who was working in the south-western part of the province, came all that way in the same spirit of sacrifice. May we all be encouraged by such examples of faithful loveliness. I thank God for much of the same spirit in the class.

Do you not think that there are marvellous opportunities among our young people for opening their souls to the healing rays of the "sun of righteousness"?

Immediately after the service the whole congregation was invited to a social gathering and refreshments, in "Bjork", the hall of the women's organization of the congregation, right by the church. This social gathering was sponsored by the mothers of the members of the class, a very generous, lovely thing to do.

There Mr. G. A. Breckman, the president, brought, in a warm-hearted manner, the greetings of the congregation to the class. Mr. Joe Vigfusson spoke for the class. In a few sincere words he expressed gratitude for the benefit he and the other members had received in the class

ICELANDIC "U" CHAIR

(Letter)

Winnipeg, Man.
June, 1949.

To the Many Friends of
Dr. Runolfur Marteinsson,

As is commonly known to all people of Icelandic extraction the establishment of the Chair of Icelandic Language and Literature, at the University of Manitoba is now almost assured. The inestimable value of this project in perpetuating Icelandic culture on this continent is too well recognized to necessitate further comment beyond what has already been done through the medium of the Icelandic weeklies and the public press.

The fulfilment of this project has been made virtually possible by the generous contribution of many prominent people of Icelandic descent whose names will appear on the scroll of "Founders." The minimum contribution of these founders has been one thousand dollars.

It has been proposed that some of the remaining funds needed to complete this endowment should be raised by the collection of funds to sponsor as founders certain people whose contribution to Icelandic culture in this country has been outstanding.

It is well known and recognized that Dr. Runolfur Marteinsson is one of the foremost amongst these. His work as Professor of Icelandic at Wesley College and principal and teacher of Icelandic at the Jon Bjarnason Academy for twenty-five years, his service as pastor in numerous Icelandic communities, and his love of all things Icelandic need not be recounted here. They are too well known.

We, the former students of the Jon Bjarnason Academy feel that the name of Dr. Marteinsson should be one of the foremost on the scroll of founders of this Chair. It is for this reason that we invite all his friends to make a contribution, no matter how small, to assure the placement of his name among those of the "founders."

Numerous unsolicited contributions to such a fund have already been received. Those wishing to participate in this undertaking to honor Dr. Marteinsson and recognize his work

and their willingness to work for the church.

In conclusion I spoke of the rich treasure given by Hallgrimur Petursson to the Icelandic people, in his Passion hymns. I gave each member of the class a copy of Dr. Pilcher's translations from those hymns.

Rev. S. J. Sigurgeirson is the pastor-elect of the Lundar congregation. We wish him God's blessing.—R. MARTEINSSON.

should forward their contributions to "The Dr. Martinsson Trust Fund" addressed to any of the undersigned.

Mrs. Paul Goodman, 652 Goulding St., Winnipeg, Man.; Mr. Jon K. Laxdal, 39 Home St., Winnipeg, Man.; Mr. B. E. Johnson, 1059 Dominion St., Winnipeg, Man.; Miss Ingibjorg Bjarnason, 254 Belvidere St., Winnipeg; Miss Solome Halldorson, Ste. F, Ashford Court; Mr. Axel Vopnfjord, 1267 Dominion St., Winnipeg, Man.



THE GLORY OF SERVICE

An Address, delivered on the occasion of the Unveiling of the Dr. B. J. Brandon, Memorial Plaque, in the First Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, Sunday, May 29th, 1949.—V.J.E.

"—whoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant, even as the son of man came, not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Matt. 20:27-28.

Dear Christian Friends:

I should like to speak to you for a few moments this morning on the theme: THE GLORY OF SERVICE. "Service" is a much discussed subject these days; but it seems that much of that which is said and written on this theme indicates a lack of a definite idea of what it actually means, as well as a clear conception of the motive by which it must be borne. Therefore I point to you the eternal words of the Master, which are just as true today, as when they were first spoken to the little band of Galilean fishermen in far away Palestine long ago. And therefore I refer you to him whose words and life give us a definite and concrete conception of service, and who himself is the perfect exemplification of the ideals which he proclaimed. He is indeed our Saviour, whom we love and worship as our Redeemer, but we also look to him as our ideal to which we would strive to conform our lives. His life on earth was one definite round of service. He was the great physician. He healed the maimed, the blind and the deaf. He mended the broken hearted and strengthened the weak. All men were benefited by his healing ministry. He came, not as one who must be ministered unto, but was among his generation as one ever ready to minister.

And what a blessed privilege it is to serve! It is our God given opportunity to fulfill our duty, and to accomplish our purpose in life. It answers for us the question which every person should ask himself often: "Why do I live?" "Why am I here?" For a Christian the answer is: "That I may serve God and my fellow men."

Which are the truly great names of history? Whose names will be inscribed upon the panels on the walls of the Hall of Fame? Those who have excelled in service.

This is not a Hall of Fame, but a humble Christian Church. None of the people who have worshipped here, or are likely to do so in the future, are, or will be famous persons, in the generally accepted meaning of that term. But in the course of the seventy years of its history, this congregation has had the good fortune of counting on its roll a large number of men and women, who have attained that which I desire to call relative fame, not because they sought it but because they earned it by their accomplishments, and by their consecration to the ideal of service.

Today, we dedicate this service to the memory of one of those men, the late Dr. Brandur J. Brandon, M.D. We, whose privilege it was to know him personally do not need a monument of any kind by which to remember him. His name will be held in esteem and veneration in this congregation during the lifetime of its present adult membership. But in order that it may be remembered, and may serve as an inspiration to the youngest among us, and by those yet unborn, we are, this day, erecting a memorial to him, and placing it in this auditorium for all to see. The inscription on the plaque, which we unveil today, tells clearly what manner of man he was, and the reasons for our honoring his memory. Under his name you will find these words: "*Teacher, Physician, Surgeon, Humanitarian, and a Cultured Christian Gentleman.*" A long discourse could be delivered on each of the capacities thus referred to in which he distinguished himself among us, but this is not necessary. To this is added on the plaque an epitaph of indisputable merit and appropriate application:

*"None knew thee but to love thee,
Nor named thee but to praise."*

"Whoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." Dr. Brandon was an undisputed chief among us, not only in this congregation, but in this community, and among his people everywhere. He became our greatest chief, because he was our greatest servant. Therefore we feel constrained by the compulsion of love and gratitude to honor his memory in this singular and appropriate manner.

And by this, we are also challenging ourselves, and those who come after us to likewise dedicate themselves to the ideal of service. We may not of course, attain the heights of excellence which we associate with the name of this beloved leader among us, nor may we ever

be accorded a similar recognition by our fellow men. But we must not let that detain us in our endeavours. Let us not forget that the great Master who blessed little things and made them great can also bless our modest talents, and increase our usefulness and consequently our happiness, if we surrender to him that which we have. And to meet with his approval, should be the supreme object of our quest in life. May this plaque ever call to the attention of those who view it, the truthfulness of the verse:

*"Lives of good men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints in the sands of time."*

Blest and dedicate be this MEMORIAL PLAQUE to the Glory of Almighty God, and as a token of the esteem and the gratitude of this congregation—

Hallowed be this MEMORIAL PLAQUE as a monument to the fidelity, and loving service, rendered this house and congregation, by thy servant, our esteemed friend Brandur Jonsson Brandon—

And now, let this MEMORIAL PLAQUE be unveiled for all to see, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.



SUNRISE LUTHERAN CAMP NOTES

Going Camping!

Sunrise Lutheran Camp will welcome you as one of its campers this coming season, opening July 4th. Read the schedule and see at what time your age group will come to camp.

The Lutheran Women's League will be happy to assist those who need financial help in paying the fees in part or altogether. A letter to that effect from your parents and also one from your Sunday School Teacher or Pastor, to be presented to the camp matron before you register on the opening day of your camp group.

Who said tennis? Yes, there will be a tennis court, so bring your racket and balls.

A baseball diamond and a volley-ball net will be waiting for you. Waiting for you also, will be lots of sunshine and fresh air, cool breezes off the lake, a sandy beach and a swimming instructor to teach you to swim, improve your stroke, etc.

The dining-hall is still there with good, appetizing meals, the dormitories for a good night's sleep and the Memorial Hall waits in silent dignity to shelter you, while you sing praise to God and listen to the teaching of His Word.

DO NOT FORGET TO BRING YOUR BIBLE.

How We Spend the Day

1. We are happy from morning till night.
2. We get up when the rising bell rings.
3. We open our beds to air our bed clothes, dress in a hurry. Wash, brush our teeth and comb our hair. Line up at dining-room door. When breakfast bell rings, take our seats in dining-hall when admitted by Matron. After Grace is said we have a hearty breakfast.
4. Make our beds, do our chores, play a game or two before study period in the morning.
5. Dinner at 12 o'clock, and do we enjoy it!
6. Rest period—Recreation and swimming.
7. Supper at 5 o'clock. Evening Program; or, Bonfire at lake with singing.
8. A hearty lunch at 9.15, and how we eat! Someone said: "This is the biggest treat of the day."
9. At 9.50 the matron calls us to prayer. After prayer we all go to the dormitories and get ready for bed. Retiring bell at 10.00 o'clock. Lights out at 10.15 o'clock. After "good night" has been said, *absolute silence*. And how we sleep under our warm blankets with windows open

Camp Schedule for the Summer of 1949

- JULY 1 to 3—Sunday School Teachers Rally.
- JULY 4 to 13—Senior boys and girls (over confirmation).
- JULY 14 to 21—Junior boys and girls (age 6 to 10 years).
- JULY 22 to 30—Boys 11 to 13 years.
- AUG. 2 to 10—Girls 11 to 13 years.
- AUG. 11 to end of season—Adults.

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Camp is situated about 56 miles north of Winnipeg, four miles south of Gimli, on No. 8 Highway.

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